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Statement Regarding Bruce Nursing Center

JACKSON, MS.- (April 3, 2007) - On March 20, 2007, a Life Safety Code (LSC) revisit survey was conducted at the Bruce Nursing Center by the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification (HFLC) to determine if this facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for nursing homes participating in the Medicaid program. This revisit survey found that the facility was not in substantial compliance with the Life Safety Code participation requirements. The conditions in the facility constituted **Immediate Jeopardy, widespread (“L”)** to residents’ health or safety for regulatory requirements at 483.70(a), K-12. Specifically, the facility has failed to install a sprinkler system pursuant to the timeline required by the federal oversight agency, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

This facility has been granted three waivers by CMS in order to allow time to come into compliance - the third time being on October 06, 2006. CMS is not granting any further time to comply. As a result, the Division of Medicaid (DOM) has been mandated to give Notice that effective April 20, 2007, the provider agreement between Bruce Nursing Center, Inc., 176 Highway 9 South, Bruce, Mississippi 38915, and the Division of Medicaid, as a provider of nursing facility services in the Medicaid Program, is to be terminated. Payment may continue to be made for a resident through the close of business April 20, 2007, for all residents admitted prior to March 29, 2007. The Division of Medicaid regrets that this action has become necessary, but the agency must take this action out of an abundance of caution for the care and safety of its beneficiaries.

The Division of Medicaid will assist residents and their families during this transition with placements to other nursing facilities in the immediate areas as much as beds are available. The Division of Medicaid will also provide transportation services to residents who desire to move to other facilities.

Again, these actions are being taken as required pursuant to federal requirements to safeguard the care and well-being of nursing facility residents, in particular Medicaid beneficiaries.